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Interview Summary	Application No. 09/487,405	Applicant(s) Khanuja
	Examiner Arun Chakrabarti	Art Unit 1634
		

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Arun Chakrabarti

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(2) Janet Cord

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Date of Interview Dec 16, 2002

Type: a) Telephonic b) Video Conference
c) Personal [copy is given to 1) applicant 2) applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No. If yes, brief description:

Claim(s) discussed: All

Identification of prior art discussed:

All

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

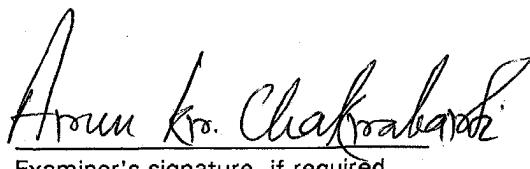
Applicant was advised to amend the claims, especially claim 6, to recite the feature upon which applicant relies i.e., identifying the molecular distinctiveness prior to the phenotypic evaluation and screening is not in the field but at the culture level. Applicant was also advised to provide a terminal disclaimer to remove the prior art rejection based on Kumar (U.S. Patent 5,898,001). Applicant's amendment will be considered favorably although a further consideration and search is necessary.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


Examiner's signature, if required